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Tasmanians More Likely To Work Part-Time

Tasmanian regions had some of the highest rates of people working part-time in the country, according to a report released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

The proportion of employed people aged 15 years and over who worked 35 hours or less in the week prior to the census was 40% in the Southern Tasmania (Statistical Division, or SD) and 38% in the Greater Hobart (SD), compared with 33% for Australia as a whole.

The report used results from the 2001 Census of Population and Housing to describe the major differences in the socio-demographic characteristics of people living in different parts of Australia.

Some major findings of the report relating to Tasmania include:

- Tasmania had a higher proportion of families who were couples without children than Australia (38% compared with 36%). In Southern Tasmania (SD) this group made up 42% of all families. Tasmania also had a higher proportion of lone person households (27% of households compared with 24%).
- One in ten Tasmanians were born overseas, compared with almost one in four for the total Australian population. However, in contrast to many other states, where the overseas born population was concentrated in the capital city, only half the overseas born population in Tasmania lived in Greater Hobart (SD), while the rest were spread across other regions.
- Housing costs in Greater Hobart (SD) were generally lower than in any other capital city. The median weekly mortgage repayment in Hobart was \$164, while the median weekly rent was \$114.
- Over one-third of the populations in Greater Hobart (SD), Northern (SD) and Southern (SD) reported an affiliation to the Anglican church, placing them among the top five regions presented in the report and well above the Australian average of 21%.

Further information is in **Census of Population and Housing: Australia in Profile - A Regional Analysis** (cat. no. 2032.0).

Media Note: The report was based on ABS geographical areas called Statistical Divisions (SDs). However, to give more evenly sized regions, SDs in populous areas have generally been disaggregated to Statistical Sub-Divisions (SSDs) or Statistical Region Sectors (SRSs). Specifically, information is presented for four SD regions in Tasmania.

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